

## **Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes 5/30/2026**

**The Pastoral Council for OMOS and HC Parishes met at HC Parish Center Saturday the 30th of May, 2026. This meeting was the conclusion of the 2025/2026 Term for PC.**

**Present: Fr Coffas, Father Justin, Tracey Ferris, Jim Flann, Frank Kirchgessner, Lorraine Christie, Kyle Maillet, Jane Witkowski,, Giovanni Zarcone, Hannah Thompson, Michelle Giordano, Maryellen Clasgens, Leah Leverich, JoAnn Delmastro and Tom McCall.**

**We all sampled a very nice assortment of Breakfast-Style foods and then we settled down to the Business meeting.**

**We opened the meeting at 9:10 with a prayer led by Father Coffas. Then we went around the room and introduced ourselves and shared our individual history with the appropriate Parish, time on Parish Council and so on. Several members shared circumstances where they had recently felt the presence of Christ in their lives recently.**

**Father Coffas highlighted the purpose of Pastoral Council and how it is a valuable tool to his Ministries. It aids in the blending of the two Parishes and opens a channel for information at the parishioner level that Fr Coffas would likely not hear from other sources. It is a 2-way method of communication (Father Coffas also shares information with PC that might not be for general distribution).**

**Our Youth Members shared a number of items with the PC; one of the main points was the success of the Youth Group - Ignite. Many new faces, a second tier of youth are participating now as some members are "ageing out". Middle school students are replacing graduating HS students. Youth are well behaved and eager to participate and older members are taking the role of welcoming and encouraging new, younger people. This Friday - 6/5 - is the final Ignite! Event for this season.**

**During the Pastor's time we heard updates on:**

- **Increased Giving campaigns at each Parish. An anonymous Donor at HC has passed and a steady income has terminated. Issues with the envelope vendor are adding challenges to increasing the giving from parishioners. A**

**new vendor may be needed. Both parishes are seeing increases in Collection incomes.**

- **Parishes are receiving needed updates to their infrastructures. OMOS Rectory has new windows that substantially improve the economics of heating and cooling. HC has had new kneelers installed as well as updated Pushbars on the doors for added security both for entry and exit of the buildings. HC has had an updating of the Fire Control/Alarm Systems.**
- **Father Coffas presented Jane and Hannah with Certificates of appreciation for their help on PC. He also gave each member a framed picture of the Blessed Mother.**
- **In House Cleaning Groups are doing very well at both Parishes.**
- **The Blessed Virgin Statue is safely and securely displayed.**
- **Volunteers needed in many areas. Seminarian Edward Fantauzzo reported to Father that another Parish works Volunteer Displays into intra- and inter-parish events such as Coffee hours. In some areas, Volunteers offer their time/talent among several parish sites.**
- **Cheerleading (a CYO function at HC) has come under Diocesan study. Cheer has safety concerns at the DOR level and the program at HC (administered by Sr Laurie) will be reset as a Club - without a competition phase. Injuries and possible Legal issues are the cause.**
- **Leah Leverich agreed to serve as Secretary for the Upcoming season and Tom McCall will provide an orderly transition for her.**

**Next weekend is Corpus Christi and there will be Processions at each Parish site.**

**Parish Picnic is being planned... .date to be August 30th and it is possible (??) that the Bishop *MIGHT* attend - but much too early to say.**

**Copies of the Covenant (agreements between the Two Parishes for Pastoral Council) will be sent out to members for their records and review soon.**

**Giovanni and Maryellen will look into the possibilities of a “Day of Caring” for our Parishes in the Fall.**

**The 7 Parish (NW) Committee needs a rep from OMOSHC. The Website for the Parishes is readily accessible from the OMOSHC website on the Home**

**page. This clickable site is a very easy way to stay current on any of the 7 Parishes and the overall grouping.**

**The Kick-off dates for the upcoming 2026/2027 Pastoral Council Season are set.**

**EXEC meeting August 29th at 8:45 AM in CR-2 at OMOS. Cr2 is directly behind the Altar. The Exec Meeting include Father Coffas, Father Justin and the Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary.**

**PASTORAL COUNCIL will have its' first meeting on September 12th in CR2 at OMOS. This is the Meeting for the Entire PC.**

**This completed our Meeting and we had a brief Prayer from Father Coffas and then we adjourned at 1015 AM.**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Tom McCall  
Sec'y Emeritus**